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Precatory Words—Executory Devise.—Where the language of a testator shows a clear intent to devise the fee of his lands to his wife, words of recommendation or suggestion or advice as to the management or occupation thereof by the family, contained in other clauses, will not limit her estate: *Hoxsey v. Hoxsey*, 37 N. J. Eq.

Where the first taker of an interest in lands has an absolute estate therein, a limitation over, by way of executory devise, is void: *Id.*

Devise in Trust without Words of Limitation—Rules of Construction.—Where a devise was to trustees for the use and benefit of two of the testator's daughters, without any words of limitation or perpetuity, it was held: 1. That it made no difference whatever, in construing the devise, that the property was left in the hands of trustees. The same rules of construction to determine the quality of the estate, whether for life, or in fee, are applicable to estates placed in trust and those which are not, except so far as the creation of the trust may throw light upon the intention of the testator. 2. That since the Act of 1825, ch 119, a general devise in which words of limitation or perpetuity are omitted, will pass the whole interest of the testator, upon the assumption that he so intended. That assumed intention is however liable to be controlled by evidence of a contrary intention found in the will. 3. That there being no devise over of the property, it was not to be presumed that the testator intended to die intestate, and the will must clearly manifest an intention to pass only a life estate, before his children could be deprived of the fee: *Fairfax v. Brown*, 60 Md.

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BROWNE.—Elements of the Law of Domestic Relations and of Employer and Employed. By IRVING BROWNE. 8vo., pp. 162. Boston: Soule & Bugbee.

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BURROUGHS.—A Supplement to a Treatise on the Law of Taxation, as imposed by the State and their Municipalities or other Subdivisions, and as exercised by the Government of the United States, particularly in the Customs and Internal Revenue; being a Digest of Cases decided between August 1877 and January 1st 1883. By W. H. BURROUGHS. 8vo., pp. 126. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co.

CHALMERS.—Local Government. By M. D. CHALMERS. 8vo., pp. 160. London: Macmillan & Co.

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HARRIS.—Chronological Register of American Law and Equity Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States, Circuit Courts of the United States, Supreme Courts of the States and Territories, Courts of Admiralty, Bankruptcy, Municipal Reports, the Court of Claims, Surrogate Courts, Orphans' Courts, and Opinions of Attorneys General, giving the dates of the decisions of cases reported, from the earliest American Reports to the present date, including the independent reporters, as far as practicable. To which is added Explanations of Abbreviations used in citing American Reports and English, Scotch and Irish Law Books. By GEORGE E. HARRIS. 8vo., pp. 88. Washington: The Commercial, Book and Job Printers.

HIRSCHL.—The Law of Fraternities and Societies. A book of interest to Masons, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Druids, Chosen Friends, Foresters, Knights of Pythias, members of A. O. U. W., Royal Arcanum, K. of H., L. of H., and of all similar organizations, with special reference to the insurance feature. By A. J. HIRSCHL. 8vo., pp. 74. St. Louis: Wm. H. Stevenson.

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